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SUBJ: TDB XIII POSITION PAPERS

1. US DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION TO REFORMULATE PARA 1 OF US POSITION PAPER ON IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES, ETC. (AGENDA ITEM 4) ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

US CONSIDERS THERE IS SCOPE FOR UNCTAD TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNCTAD RESOLUTION 47 (III). PROPOSALS FOR SPECIFIC STUDIES IN THIS AREA NEED TO BE EXAMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO BE SURE THEY ARE FEASIBLE, CONSISTENT WITH PRIORITIES SET BY THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL, AND DO NOT DUPLICATE WORK UNDERWAY IN OTHER FORUMS INCLUDING THE GATT.

2. PURPOSE OF ABOVE SUGGESTION IS TO IMPROVE PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING GROUP B SUPPORT FOR OTHER POINTS IN US POSITION THIS ITEM. AS REPORTED PARA 5 GENEVA 4308, SOME GROUP B WERE RELUCTANT AT RECENTLY-CONCLUDED
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MANUFACTURES COMMITTEE TO PRONOUNCE ON QUESTION OF

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES CONCERNING NTBS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ORIGIN AND RAISE GATT/UNCTAD INSTITUTIONAL CONTROVERSY. SINCE GATT NTB WORK WILL SOON SHIFT TO ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS (IN CONTRAST TO STUDIES REFERRED TO IN 47 (III)) AND NO DOUBT WITH CONCENTRATION ON KEY NTBS FOR WHICH SUBSTANTIAL PREPARATORY WORK ALREADY COMPLETED OR LAUNCHED (FEW OF WHICH ARE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ORIGIN), US DELEGATION DOUBTS WE CAN GET MUCH SUPPORT IN GROUP B FOR PARA 1 OF US POSITION AS PRESENTLY FORMULATED. SOME IN GROUP B MAY ARGUE UNCTAD STUDIES RELATING TO NTBS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ORIGIN MAY ACTUALLY HELP REDUCE SCOPE FOR UNCTAD OVERLAP WITH GATT WORK.

3. CONCERNING POSITION PAPER ON UNTYING (ITEM 6C), DELEGATION DOES NOT INTERPRET IT TO REQUIRE OUR REOPENING DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS IN CIFT LAST MONTH. IF OTHERS REOPEN, DELEGATION BELIEVES OUR POSITION WOULD BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY REPEATING STATEMENT WE MADE IN CIFT, I.E. WE INTERPRET RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ASAP AS MEANING WHEN US JUDGED BOP PERMITTED (PARA 4, GENEVA 3631). IN ADDITION, SINCE ANY ACTION BY OTHER DCS TO UNTIE COULD ONLY HELP NOT HURT US, WE SEE NO REASON TO CHANGE ACCEPTANCE AT CIFT (WITH INTERPRETIVE COMMENT) TO ABSTENTION AT TDB.

4. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED.

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